Present: Maddox, Herman, Doss, Sumner, Marti, Venema, Bernhardt, Ziskind, Holloway, Bowen, Bohn

Conveyed Absence: Sobus, Dudley

Music Maddox indicated that members of the Baltimore Chorus have no music belonging to FCPAA

Finance Committee Bernhardt reported that the work sheets are working well and really helping the Sunday night financial procedures.

Business Manager Marti indicated that he does not have a report. He is presently verifying the status of Conductor Trinkly with regard to the IRS. He also was following up on the procedures to ensure timely payment of bills.

Fundraising Maddox reported that Sobus was unable to attend this Board meeting. He indicated that the main concern at this point was ensuring that Dudley's program is taken care of. He also reported speaking to Alan Finkle who indicates that Friends will open in approximately five weeks, and they will be doing a fundraiser for us some time in the future.

PR/Publications Maddox reported that we are presently without a PR/Publications person since Sumner stepped down. Maddox has talked with David Shingler, who has voiced an interest in assuming this position, and they will be meeting after the Board meeting to discuss it further. Bowen moved to approve the appointment of David Shingler to the position of Head of the PR/Publications Committee if he accepts it. The motion was seconded and carried. Maddox indicated that he is planning on holding an organizational meeting of the PR/Publications Committee at his house on Monday evening, September 24, 1984.

Community Liaison Ziskind reported he is setting up a schedule to visit various groups and let them know we exist, what we can do, etc. He reported that BWMT does not want us to sing at D.C. Space, but does wish more interaction with us. They are having a Sunday brunch on October 7, and invite members of GMCW to chat with their members, etc. Ziskind is sending a letter regarding an appearance at the Pavillion at the Old Post Office on a Sunday afternoon at their convenience. He also reported that a supporter of the Chorus, Andrew Webb recommended that we consider singing "Lovely Day Tomorrow" by Irving Berlin.

Music Director's Report Trinkly reported that almost all the music for the Holiday Concert has arrived. He indicated that the Repertoire Advisory Comittee is now in place, and he is planning the rest of the season. Trinkley reported that the March concert will be more serious since we will have the June Pops concert. He is looking at 20th Century music for March, and works by such composers as Poulenc, Barber, and Britton. He is also interested in seeing about Marymal Holmes for the June pops concert. Sumner cautioned about having too long a stretch of serious music.

Treasurer's Report Doss reported that bills are being paid. We now have approximately $1800 with a few bills outstanding. He has transferred $2,000 from the Money Market account to operating funds. The Money Market balance, including new interest of $149 is $16,524.12. Maddox asked how Doss was coming on setting up the computer program, and that we need printed financial information for the Town Meeting on October 13. Doss is still pursuing the audit.

Membership Committee Maddox indicated that he was pleased with both the audition process and the orientation process. Rettenmaier indicated that he is still working out the audition process, and knows that more lead time is needed. He indicated that he had 32 new names, and was able to set up 23 audition appointments, out of which 19 were accepted. We now have 107 singing members. Maddox urged that the Membership Directory be ready as soon as possible. Rettenmaier indicated that by last week approximately 1/3 of the members had responded to the questionnaire on interest in the social weekend at Deer Park Lodge. Presently, approximately 30 individuals are planning on attending. A discussion ensued as to whether this was a Chorus event where Association money ($500 originally approved) should be used. Bowen moved we elimintate Chorus funding. The motion was seconded and carried. A discussion then ensued on purchasing name tags for the membership. Bohn moved that the Membership Chair look into purchase of name tags, getting prices and quotes, and preparing a recommendation to the Board. Maddox indicated that the Chair would be willing to entertain a motion recommending funding for name tags nte a certain amount. After some discussion for and against, Marti moved that the discussion and allocation of any funds be tabled for the next meeting, which will permit the Membership Chair to explore the options fully. This motion was seconded and passed. The subject was tabled. Rettenmaier wished to thank the Committee for all its help during the audition process and especially indicated that he could not have managed without Waldo and his answering machine. Rettenmaier indicated that the Association really could use a telephone number and an answering machine. A discussion ensued as to the type of answering machine and telephone service which would be most appropriate. Marti indicated that he will investigate this.

Repertoire Advisory Committee Maddox reported that Trinkley has appointed Richardson and Waldo to the Repertoire Advisory Committee. Maddox indicated that he is recommending Sisson and Starner for Board approval as his two selections. Marti moved we approve the names as submitted by the President. The motion was seconded and carried.

GALA Maddox reported we have received between 6-8 new Chorus tapes. He reported that the GALA meeting in Denver put on by Collings and the Chorus was a well paced, structured meeting. Of the approximately 40 choruses in existence, 25 were represented at the meeting. We are hosting the next meeting, and Maddox indicated that by January, he will identify an organizer. There will be a survey by February indicating what individuals thought of the Denver meeting which should help in planning ours. One of the areas that participants felt was a source of disappointment was that there was no

appearance by the "home" Chorus. Maddox indicated that the 1986 Festival will occur on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Six choruses have already registered and he recommends that we send $200 registration fee immediately. Bowen moved that we send $200 registration fee for participation in the 1986 Festival. The motion was seconded and carried. Maddox indicated that there will be some upcoming fees. We will be expected to pay a $400 Chorus fee and $40 $50 per person. This fee will include a ticket for each concert in which the Chorus is not appearing. There will be a welcome party on Wednesday evening, with small ensembles performing, rehearsal each morning, and a brunch on Sudnay. They are arranging for a block of 2,000 rooms at the University of Minnesota. The first 3 nights will be at a 1200 seat theatre in St. Paul, with the final night being in a 2700 seat house.

Performance Invitations Maddox reported that we have received a number of performance invitations. Ziskind indicated an invitation to sing at the National Theater at the "Monday Night at the National" series on October 8 in honor of Columbus Day. A tentative meeting has been scheduled with Kathleen Berry, Bohn and Ziskind to discuss logistics. Herman moves to accept this invitation contingent upon Bohn`s acceptance of space and Richardson`s ability to conduct on that evening. At this point, Bowen indicated that there are several other invitations, and it would be better to consider all as a package. Herman withdrew his motion. Maddox indicated that we have been invited to sing at the Family and Friends night at Bet Mishpachah on Friday evening, November 16. We have been asked to provide approximately 20-30 minutes of music of our choosing. We have also been asked by the P Street Festival to appear at Tracks on Wednesday evening, November 14 as a major part of the evenings activities (approximately 45 minutes) - 25 minutes of full chorus, and ten minutes each for the two small ensembles. We also may be asked to do the traditional Eagle anniversay party on the Saturday evening following Thanksgiving. Bowen moved to accept all three major appearances and to make attendance at these mandatory unless the individual member conveys his inability to attend to Trinkley in advance. The motion was seconded and carried. We will appear at Tracks at approximately 9:00 p.m. and are able to sell tickets to our Holiday Concert in the lobby. Members will have a bar pass. We will inform our mailing list of performances through Quarter Notes. Tracks is planning on videotaping the performance.

Other Possible Appearances Ziskind asked whether we were interested in again appearing at the Pavillion at the Old Post Office and at the Kennedy Center Grand Foyer. The Board indicated that they wished to pursue the possibility of both of these. Ziskind will pursue.

Gay Pride Concert Gary Miller indicated that he was interested in another joint GMCW/NYCGMC Concert in June, 1986. Coleman has also voiced interest in a joint concert prior to the next July, 1986 COAST Concert. Maddox indicated that such a joint concert in June 1986 would be appropriate for the Kennedy Center Concert Hall, and that if we wished to do it there, we should book it

now. Herman moved to authorize the Business Manager to attempt to book the Kennedy Center Concert Hall for either Friday evening, June 20 or Saturday evening June 21, 1986. As part of this, the Business Manager is directed to ascertain contract terms, etc., and is authorized to commit a deposit of up to $1,000. The motion was seconded and carried.

Spring Concert Maddox indicated that he has not yet appointed a producer for the Spring concert.

Honorary Membership Ziskind recommended that Barrett Brick, the president of Bet Mishpachah be made an honorary member. Ziskind so moved, the motion was seconded and carried.

Insurance Sumner reported a correction to the minutes. The premium for our insurance has doubled upon renewal; it is $500 instead of $250. He indicated that he felt there was a possibility of getting a better price if we were to shop for it. He is not sure whether Huntington-Block shopped for us, and recommended calling them to find out if they asked other agencies whether they offered lower minimum premiums. If they did not, we might wish to consult such companies as GEICO and Allstate. If the savings is substantial, it might pay to change even if we have to pay a penalty. Sumner really wishes there was a small insurance agency where our business might be more important and result in more "shopping" for us. So far he has been unable to find anyone.

Rehearsal Space Maddox indicated that he understood that Hemphill told him we cannot rehearse there on November 4, and was not sure Hemphill was authorized to do this. He asked the Business Manager to investigate. Maddox also indicated that we will soon have to begin negotiations on new contract including the possibility of office space upstairs.

ACDA Maddox reported that we will send a check for $50, already approved by the Board, to joint the Amercian Choral Directors Association, as an institutional member.

Membership Handbook Herman reported that he continues work on the Handbook and has approached several committee heads for their input and preparation of sections. He further indicated that he wishes to incorporate a Section on administrative structure and was thus waiting for the results of that discussion at this Board meeting.

Rehearsal Space Bohn reported on Westminster. They want us and are talking in the ballpark of $3600 per year. They are willing to work on the areas of concern. The Board felt it just was inadequate and that we should cease negotiations with Westminster. Maddox indicated that Sabacek has voiced an interest in looking for alternate rehearsal space, and Maddox will ask him to continue the Association's search. Bohn was directed to thank Westminster for their interest but to let them know it is just too tight for our needs.

GALA Transportation Ziskind reported he has spoken to Northwest Airlines, and sought guidance on other possibilities. This guidance was given and Ziskind will report the results of his continued investigation at the next Board meeting.

Management Structure Maddox described the revised structure of the Association which he recommended. Marti recommended that it would be advisable for the Board members to be able to review the structure and play with the concept during the month. We can then work with it at the next meeting.

Location of Holiday Concert Bowen reported that there are still a few possible locations for the Holiday Concert and a final location has not yet been settled upon.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Marti moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dues Discount A discussion ensued as to the advisability of giving a discount to those who paid their entire year`s dues in advance. Herman moved that a discount of $12 for the year be given to those paying their entire year`s dues by the second rehearsal in October. The motion was seconded and carried.

Adjourment The meeting was adjourned.